

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Margaret (Heil) Becker was born on June 17, 1905, in Selze, North Dakota, to Jacob and Barbara Heil; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Margaret married Ray Becker in 1927, and to this union eight children were born: Mary Lou, Marcy, Charlotte, Peggy, Virginia, Donald, Donna and Darold; and,

Whereas, Margaret was devoted to the betterment of her community, working with civic, religious and service organizations which earned her the title of "1987 Citizen of the Year". Her home was often the site of club meetings and is always open to friends and neighbors; and,

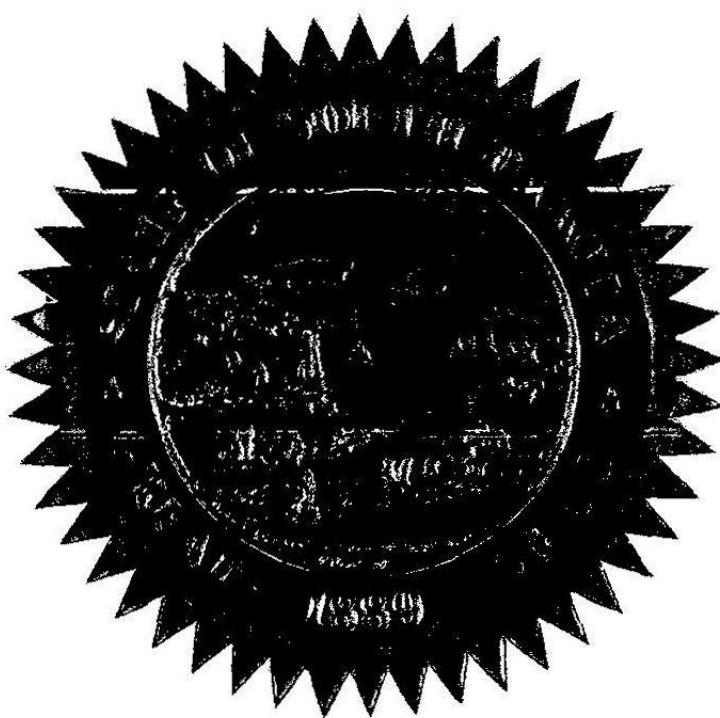
Whereas, Margaret's favorite memories include getting together with friends and family and the Green Grass Club which holds a special meaning in her heart with its commitment to strong families and neighborhoods; and,

Whereas, Margaret will observe her 100th Birthday on June 19, 2005, with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 17, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State